



2024 Adult Learners Scholarship Guidelines

The Desert Financial Adult Learners Scholarship recognizes members who are seeking funds to help them pursue their educational and career goals. In 2024, thirty applicants will be selected to receive \$3,000 each in scholarship funds distributed directly to the Arizona-based college, university or accredited certification program of their choice.

Scholarship Requirements

- Be age 25 or older.
- Be a Desert Financial Credit Union member in good standing¹ at the time of application.
- Be enrolled in (or have plans to attend) an accredited college, university or certification program in Arizona.
- Write an essay describing your education goals.
- Show a demonstrated financial need based on Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Process

Before you start your application, there are a few things you should know. First, the application does not save and allow you to come back later to complete. You will need to have all your information ready before you start so you can complete the application process in one sitting. You will be notified in late April if you are selected to receive the scholarship.

Application Checklist

*The following is a list of items you should gather or know **before starting your application.***

General:

- Educational plans, including major, minor, or certification information
- Name and address of the accredited college, university or certification program
- Annual educational program cost
- Annual combined household income

Important Reminders

Please gather all the information needed before starting the online application – partial applications cannot be saved.

Applications must be submitted by **March 22, 2024**

WAIVER OF LIABILITY/PUBLICITY RELEASE: *By submitting your information for the award, you grant Desert Financial the right to use your name, image, voice, statements and/or other likenesses and information for advertising, promotional, trade and/or any other purpose in any media or format now known or hereafter*

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